

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Holding a Criminal Term**

**Grand Jury Sworn in on January 8, 2021**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	:	<b>CRIMINAL NO.</b>
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	<b>MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-049</b>
	:	
<b>JOSHUA BLACK,</b>	:	<b>VIOLATIONS:</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2</b>
<b>Defendant.</b>	:	<b>(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and</b>
	:	<b>Aiding and Abetting)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)</b>
	:	<b>(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted</b>
	:	<b>Building or Grounds with a Deadly or</b>
	:	<b>Dangerous Weapon)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A)</b>
	:	<b>(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a</b>
	:	<b>Restricted Building or Grounds with a</b>
	:	<b>Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(3) and (b)(1)(A), 2</b>
	:	<b>(Impeding Ingress and Egress in a</b>
	:	<b>Restricted Building or Grounds with a</b>
	:	<b>Deadly or Dangerous Weapon and Aiding</b>
	:	<b>and Abetting)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(1)(A)</b>
	:	<b>(Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous</b>
	:	<b>Weapon on Capitol Grounds or Buildings)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(A)</b>
	:	<b>(Entering and Remaining on the Floor of</b>
	:	<b>Congress)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)</b>
	:	<b>(Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. §§ 5104(e)(2)(E), 2</b>
	:	<b>(Impeding Passage Through the Capitol</b>
	:	<b>Grounds or Buildings and Aiding and</b>
	:	<b>Abetting)</b>

## **INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

### **COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, **JOSHUA BLACK**, attempted to, and did, corruptly obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding, that is, a proceeding before Congress, by entering and remaining in the United States Capitol without authority and engaging in disorderly and disruptive conduct.

**(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(c)(2) and 2)

### **COUNT TWO**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, unlawfully and knowingly entered and remained in a restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its grounds, where the Vice President and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a knife.

**(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))

### **COUNT THREE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct in and within such proximity to, a restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its grounds, where the Vice President and Vice President-

elect were temporarily visiting, when and so that such conduct did in fact impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions.

**(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds With a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A))**

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, obstructed and impeded ingress and egress to and from a restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its grounds, where the Vice President and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting.

**(Impeding Ingress and Egress in a Restricted Building or Grounds With a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(3) and (b)(1)(A) and 2)**

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, carried and had readily accessible a dangerous weapon, that is, a knife, on the United States Capitol Grounds and in any of the Capitol Buildings.

**(Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous Weapon on Capitol Grounds or Buildings, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(1)(A))**

**COUNT SIX**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, willfully and knowingly entered and remained on the floor of a House of Congress and in any cloakroom and lobby adjacent to that floor, without authorization to do so.

**(Entering and Remaining on the Floor of Congress, in violation of Title 40, United**

States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(A))

**COUNT SEVEN**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, willfully and knowingly engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, and disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress and either House of Congress, and the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before or any deliberation of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress.

**(Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building**, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(D))

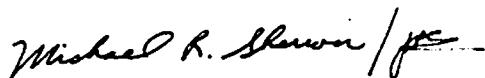
**COUNT EIGHT**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOSHUA BLACK**, willfully and knowingly obstructed, and impeded passage through and within, the United States Capitol Grounds and any of the Capitol Buildings.

**(Impeding Passage Through the Capitol Grounds or Buildings and Aiding and Abetting**, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Sections 5104(e)(2)(E) and 2)

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.



MICHAEL R. SHERWIN  
ACTING ATTORNEY FOR THE UNITED STATES  
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA